

SUPERIOR COURT SERVICE REDUCTIONS TO DATE

Superior Court (by County)	Date of Notice	Summary of Service Reduction	Description	Effective Date of Reduction/ Closure	Scheduled End Date
Alameda	July 25, 2011	Reduced all 8 County Clerks' offices by 7.5 hours/week Reduced Traffic Division hours by total of 7.5 hours/week	<u>Reduced Clerks' office hours:</u> Current hours from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. New hours from 8:30 am – 2:30 pm. A drop box will be maintained to receive documents after 2:30 pm. <u>New Traffic Division hours:</u> 8:00 am – 2:30 pm (per website, currently open 8:00 am- 4:00 pm).	October 3, 2011	n/a
Butte	July 1, 2011	Closure of Paradise courthouse	All Paradise courthouse services to be moved to Chico courthouse (15 miles away).	Close of business September 30, 2011	Indefinitely
Calaveras	October 31, 2011	Reduced Court Clerk's office hours by a total of 6 hours and 15 minutes/week Has also left vacant positions open and implemented voluntary furloughs	<u>Current hours:</u> 8:15 am – 4:00 pm. <u>New hours:</u> 8:30 am – 3:00 pm. Drop box available afterhours.	January 1, 2012	n/a
Fresno	October 4, 2011	Temporary closure of Clovis, Firebaugh, Kingsburg and Selma courthouses	<u>Clovis:</u> December 27 – December 30, 2011. <u>Firebaugh:</u> December 28, 2011. <u>Kingsburg:</u> December	December 20, 2011	December 30, 2011

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			<p>20 – December 23, 2011.</p> <p><u>Selma</u>: December 22 and December 31, 2011.</p>		
Humboldt	August 31, 2011	<p>Reduction in court Clerk's office 10 hours/week</p> <p>Has also eliminated positions, frozen vacant positions, consolidated services, and eliminated COLA increases for employees, among other things</p>	<p><u>Current hours</u>: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.</p> <p><u>New hours</u>: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. Drop box will be available.</p>	November 7, 2011	n/a
Kings	August 10, 2011	<p>Reduction in Avenal courthouse days of operation by 50%, however the number of operating hours remains the same</p> <p>Has also instituted a hiring freeze, eliminated positions, and negotiated contractual cost-savings</p>	<p><u>Current hours in session</u>: 8:00 am – 12:00 pm, every Wednesday.</p> <p><u>New hours in session</u>: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on the first, third, and fifth (when applicable) Wednesday.</p> <p>Drop box available outside the Avenal courthouse for payment of tickets and filing of paperwork.</p>	November 2, 2011	n/a

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Kings (UPDATE)	October 3, 2011	Temporary closure of all courtrooms and clerks' offices at the Avenal, Corcoran and Lemoore courthouses	<p>Closures from December 27 – December 30, 2011.</p> <p>Any court proceedings required for cases pending at these courthouses will be heard at the Hanford courthouse. Drop boxes will be available at these locations for same day filings.</p>	December 27, 2011	December 30, 2011
Lake	September 14, 2011	<p>13 court closure days in Fiscal Year 2011/2012 (unpaid furlough days for employees)</p> <p>Has also reduced total number of employees by 10% (via layoffs, attrition, and restructuring of positions), implemented mandatory furloughs in Fiscal Year 2009/2010</p>	<p>Closures on various dates from November 21, 2011 to June 1, 2012.</p> <p>Both clerks' offices to be closed on the court closure days, with a drop box available in Lakeport.</p> <p>One Lakeport courtroom to stay open to hear all mandatory last-day criminal matters in custody criminal arraignments, juvenile detention hearings and emergency matters only.</p>	November 21, 2011	June 1, 2012
Lassen	November 12, 2010	Reduction in the Court Clerk's office hours by 10 hours/week	<p><u>Current hours:</u> 7:30 am – 5:30 pm.</p> <p><u>New hours:</u> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.</p>	January 15, 2011	n/a

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Mendocino	January 21, 2011	<p>Reduction in number of days the Covelo and Pointe Arena Courts convene by 50%</p> <p>Has also instituted hiring freeze in 2008, and eliminated several positions, resulting in approximately an 18% decrease in staff</p>	Currently convene once a month. Both courts will now convene only in odd numbered months.	April 1, 2011	n/a
Mendocino (UPDATE)	August 24, 2011	<p>Reduction in hours for the Ukiah and Ten Mile Branches by 5 hours/week each</p> <p>Staff reductions are at approximately 21% since Fiscal Year 2009/2010 due to attrition and layoffs</p>	<p><u>Current hours:</u> 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.</p> <p><u>New hours:</u> 8:30 am – 3:00 pm.</p>	November 1, 2011	n/a
Merced	August 25, 2011	<p>Reduction in Merced Superior Court Clerks' office hours by 5 hours/week</p> <p>Limited operating days in November and December 2011</p>	<p><u>Reduced Clerks' office hours:</u> Currently open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. New hours from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Drop box will be available for same day filing before 4:00 pm.</p> <p><u>Limited operating days:</u> November 21, 22 and 23, 2011 and December 27, 28, 29 and 30, 2011. All Clerks' offices and all but two courtrooms to be closed.</p>	October 26, 2011	n/a

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Merced (UPDATE)	February 7, 2012	<p>Limited operating days in April</p> <p>Since August 2011, reduction in staff salaries by 4.5%</p>	<p>Limited operating days on April 6 and 9, 2011. All Clerks' offices and all but two courtrooms to be closed.</p> <p>One courtroom will be open in the main courthouse to conduct criminal arraignments and examinations as required by law, and to allow a judge to sign documents on an emergency basis. A second, Juvenile Division courtroom will be open for time-sensitive matters.</p> <p>A drop box will be available to receive same day filing documents.</p>	April 6, 2012	April 9, 2012
Merced (UPDATE #2)	February 27, 2012	Reduction in Clerk's office house at Plumas Sierra Regional Courthouse, due to loss of clerical position	<p><u>Current clerk hours:</u> 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.</p> <p><u>New clerk hours:</u> 8:00 am – 12:00 pm and 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm.</p>	April 30, 2012	n/a

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Nevada	September 2, 2011	<p>Reduction in Nevada City and Truckee Friday courthouse hours by 2 hours/ week at each location</p> <p>Reduction in Nevada City and Truckee Clerk Friday office hours by 2 hours/week at each location</p>	<p><u>Friday courthouse hours:</u> Currently open 8:00 am – 5:00 pm on Fridays. New Friday hours from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm.</p> <p><u>Friday clerk hours:</u> Currently open 8:00 am – 4:00 pm on Fridays. New Friday hours from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm.</p>	November 4, 2011	n/a
Placer	September 15, 2011	<p>12 limited service days in Fiscal Year 2011/2012 during which all but one courtroom and all clerks' offices will be closed</p> <p>Has also instituted layoffs and furloughs, closed 2 courtrooms, ended funding for both Peer Court and Family Law Case Management Program, and reduced Self-Help Center and operating hours</p>	<p>Days will fall between November 21, 2011 and June 15, 2012.</p> <p>On those days, Dept. 13 at the courthouse in Placer County jail will remain open to handle criminal arraignments, certain time-sensitive juvenile proceedings, any last day criminal matters and emergency matters if circumstances warrant.</p>	November 21, 2011	June 15, 2011
San Bernardino	January 6, 2012	<p>Reduction in services at Big Bear and Needles courthouses by 2 days/month</p> <p>The type and number of cases at each courthouse will remain the same.</p>	<p><u>Big Bear courthouse and Clerk's office:</u> Courthouse is currently open Monday – Friday of the first full week of each month. Moving forward, will be open Tuesday – Thursday of the first full week. Clerk's office will be</p>	<p>Big Bear: April 2, 2009</p> <p>Needles: April 9, 2012</p>	

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		Reduction in Clerks' office hours as well	<p>open from 8:00 – 3:30 pm, Tuesday – Thursday of the first full week (per website, currently open 8:00 am – 4:30 pm during first full week of month).</p> <p><u>Needles courthouse and clerk's office:</u> Courthouse is currently also open Monday – Friday of the first full week of each month. Moving forward, will be open Tuesday – Thursday of the second full week of the month. Clerk's office will be open from 8:00 – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday of the second full week, and 8:00 am – 1:00 pm all other weekdays (per website, currently open 8:00 – 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday of the first full week, and 8:00 am – 1:00 pm all other weekdays).</p>		
San Francisco	November 22, 2010	<p>Reduction in criminal and traffic Clerk's office hours by 4.5 hours/week, and in civil, family and juvenile delinquency Clerks' office hours by 4 hours/week</p> <p>Has also instituted</p>	Early closing at 12:00 pm every Friday for 24 Fridays in calendar year of 2011.	January 21, 2011	July 8, 2011

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		hiring freeze for almost 2 years, and mandatory and voluntary furloughs, among other things			
San Francisco (UPDATE)	May 9, 2011	Limited service in Clerk's office on Fridays continues Reduction in workforce by 18% in last 3 years	Specified offices and locations close Fridays at 12:00 pm, including Clerks' offices for Civil and Criminal, Unified Family Court, Traffic Court Division and Juvenile Delinquency divisions.	July 15, 2011	n/a (but see August 2, 2011 update below)
San Francisco (UPDATE)	August 2, 2011	Indefinite closure of 25 courtrooms Reduction in all Clerks' office hours by half hour/day, at start of each day (2.5 hours/ week) Criminal Division and Traffic Division Clerks' offices reduced by an additional half hour per day, at end of each day (an additional 2.5 hours/ week, for 5 total) Staff reductions Eliminating Limited Service Days previously implemented	<u>Closures:</u> Indefinite closure of 25 courtrooms (leaving only 17 civil trial departments). <u>Reduced operating hours:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Clerks' offices will open at 8:30 am instead of 8:00 am, Monday – Friday. - Criminal Division and Traffic Division Clerks' offices to close at 4:00 pm instead of 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday. <u>Staff reduction:</u> 40%. At 591 employees 3 years ago, left with 484 after April 2009 hiring freeze, and looking to retaining only 284.	Layoffs begin September 30, 2011 Closures and reductions in hours effective October 3, 2011	n/a

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			<u>Limited Service Day hours change:</u> Currently open 8:00 am – 12:00 pm. New hours for all Clerks' offices from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm.		
San Joaquin	July 19, 2011	<p>Closure of one courtroom and one Clerk's office at Lodi Branch, and closure of Tracy Branch</p> <p>Has also instituted voluntary and mandated furlough days, left positions vacant, removed court reporters from family law, eliminated the Arbitration program, reduced expert psychiatric evaluations and reduced all clerks' office hours, among other things.</p>	<p><u>Lodi:</u> Only one remaining courtroom and one Clerk's office remain open.</p> <p><u>Tracy Branch:</u> Closure of entire court facility, two courtrooms and clerk's office.</p>	October 3, 2011	n/a
San Joaquin (REVISAL)	July 27, 2011	<p>Above closures remain</p> <p>Small claims matters at one courthouse on temporary and limited basis</p> <p>Diversion of Tracy and Lodi Branch services to alternate locations</p>	<p><u>Temporary and limited basis:</u> Schedule small claims hearings ONLY at the Stockton courthouse.</p> <p><u>Tracy branch:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Civil harassment and unlawful detainer cases must be filed at Manteca branch instead; 	October 3, 2011	n/a

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Domestic violence restraining orders moved to the Stockton court annex; - Infraction arraignments and limited civil matters moved to the main Stockton courthouse. <p><u>Lodi branch:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Limited civil matters, traffic cases, trials, criminal motions, prelim hearings, and probation violations moved to the main Stockton courthouse; - Domestic violence restraining orders moved to the Stockton court annex. 		
San Luis Obispo	October 20, 2011	Suspension of Grover Beach Branch operations	Suspension of Grover Beach operations to take place as of the close of business Friday, December 30, 2011. Grover Beach Branch operations to be consolidated with the SLO Courthouse Annex (15 miles away).	January 3, 2012	n/a
San Mateo	December 1, 2010	Closure of Satellite Clerk's office in Northern Branch Has also reduced	Closed a satellite clerk's office handling certain family law, probate, and civil filings.	January 31, 2011	n/a

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		workforce by 20%, consolidated trial court services, and reduced wages, among other things	Re-directing domestic violence and civil harassment restraining orders to the Northern Branch's Criminal Clerk's office, and all other filings to the Family Law, Civil and Probate Clerks' offices to Redwood City.		
San Mateo (UPDATE)	August 18, 2011	<p>Elimination of a Central Branch courtroom 2 days/ week</p> <p>Reduction in the number of traffic arraignment calendars heard by 2 days/week</p> <p>Workforce reduction now at 24%</p>	<p><u>Closure:</u> Courtroom G at the San Mateo Superior Court Central Branch closed Tuesdays and Thursdays.</p> <p><u>Reduced calendars:</u> Each traffic branch will hear two arraignment calendars each week (as opposed to four).</p>	November 1, 2011	n/a
San Mateo (UPDATE #2)	October 31, 2011	<p>Reduction in Civil, Family Law, Juvenile, Probate, records and Small Claims Clerks' office hours by 5 hours/week</p> <p>Reduction in Traffic and Criminal Clerks' office hours by 6.5 hours/week, and elimination of same-day walk in calendar process</p> <p>Reduction in traffic</p>	<p><u>Civil, Family, Juvenile, Probate, Records, and Small Claims Clerks' office:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. - New hours: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm Monday – Friday. <p><u>Traffic and Criminal Clerks' office hours:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Current hours: 7:30 am – 4:00 pm, Monday –Thursday and 8:00 am – 4:00 	January 3, 2012	n/a

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		arraignment calendars by 50% a week	<p>pm Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New hours: 8:30 am – 3:30 pm, Monday – Thursday and 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, Friday. - Two arraignment calendars/week, as opposed to four - In place of same-day walk in calendar process, allow for reservation of arraignment date in advance through court's website 24/7, or in person by a court clerk during normal business hours. 		
San Mateo (UPDATE #3)	January 19, 2012	<p>Consolidation of clerk's office traffic operations to one location</p> <p>Additional reduction in workforce by April 2012</p>	<p><u>Consolidation:</u> San Mateo and South San Francisco Traffic Divisions (including their clerk's offices) to be relocated to Redwood City Southern Traffic Annex.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All traffic arraignment calendars to be heard at Redwood City, but traffic court trials will still be heard at the three branch locations based on appropriate geographic jurisdiction. - All traffic-related filings and correspondence to be submitted to the 	April 2, 2012	n/a

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			<p>consolidated Redwood City location.</p> <p><u>Workforce reductions:</u> Workforce reported to be reduced further by April, but do not specify by how much. Since 2008, San Mateo reports their workforce has already reduced by 24%.</p>		
Santa Clara	December 7, 2011	<p>Reduction in Clerks' office hours by 12 hours/week</p> <p>Night Court traffic arraignment hearings still available, but terminating evening walk-in traffic arraignment hearings</p>	<p><u>Current hours of operation:</u> 8:30 am – 7:00 pm, Monday – Thursday and 8:30 – 4:00 pm, Friday.</p> <p><u>New hours of operation:</u> 8:30 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. Drop box available after 4:00 for documents, which will be filed the next day.</p>	February 6, 2012	n/a
Santa Cruz	October 28, 2010	<p>Limited service days, closing all but one courtroom, for 7 days</p> <p>Closure of Watsonville Courthouse for those days</p>	<p>Limited service on December 27 – 30, 2010; January 28, February 25, and March 25, 2011 (concurrent with furloughs days).</p> <p>One courtroom at the main Santa Cruz courthouse will be open to hear mandatory last-day criminal matters and arraignments, juvenile dependency</p>	December 27, 2010	After March 25, 2011

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			and delinquency matters, civil and domestic violence ex-partes. Santa Cruz Criminal and Civil Clerks' offices will be open.		
Santa Cruz (UPDATE)	October 25, 2011	Four limited Service Days at Santa Cruz courthouse during Fiscal Year 2011/2012 Closure of Watsonville courthouse for those days	Limited service days scheduled for December 27 – 30, 2011 (concurrent with furlough days), and the limited service will be same as last limited service dates (see above).	October 25, 2011	January 3, 2012
Shasta	July 15, 2011	Closure of Clerks' office in Burney Branch every day but Wednesdays, and reduction in office hours by 2 hours on each Wednesday	<u>Reduced hours:</u> Currently open 8:30 am – 4:30 pm on Monday – Friday. Moving forward, will be open only Wednesdays, with reduced hours from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Drop box to be provided. (Note: Closest courthouse is the Redding courthouse, 50 miles away.)	Week of September 12, 2011	Through June 30, 2012 (at which point will consider expanding hours)
Siskiyou	May 27, 2011	Discontinuation of all court sessions in Tulelake which equals one day/month (or 12 days/year)	All matters currently pending in Tulelake to be heard at its Dorris Branch (26 miles away).	August 1, 2011	n/a
Solano	March 9, 2012	Limited operation days, closing all Clerks' offices and all but two	Limited operation days scheduled for 8 days spread throughout July,	July 5, 2012	March 29, 2013

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		<p>courtrooms</p> <p>Has also instituted a hiring freeze the past three years, furloughs, early retirement, and electronic reporting in misdemeanor cases, among other things</p>	<p>August, November, December, 2012 and March 2013.</p> <p>During limited operation days, two courtrooms will be open in Fairfield to conduct arraignments and examinations as required by law, to sign any necessary documents on an emergency basis, and to handle time-sensitive juvenile matters. Time sensitive family law matters will also be handled daily.</p> <p>Drop boxes will be available in Vallejo for same-day filing of documents deposited before 4:00 pm.</p>		
Tehama	April 18, 2011	<p>Reduction in hours at all 3 Clerks' office locations by 6 hours/week</p> <p>Also, through attrition, court clerks' office staff has been reduced by approximately 18% over the past 3 years</p>	<p><u>Current hours:</u> 8:00 am – 5:00 pm, Monday – Friday.</p> <p><u>New hours:</u> 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Thursday and 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Fridays. Drop box will be provided afterhours. Those received before 5:00 pm will be filed that day.</p>	July 1, 2011	n/a

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Ventura	September 22, 2011	<p>Closure of the majority of the courtrooms and Clerks' offices surrounding 2011 winter holidays, which will count as furlough days for employees</p> <p>Reduction in all clerks' offices for traffic, civil, small claims, family law, criminal, juvenile, probate appeals and records by 5 hours/week, with one exception</p>	<p><u>Closures:</u> November 23, 2011, December 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30 2011. A few courtrooms will remain open to hear urgent criminal, juvenile, unlawful detainer and temporary restraining order issues, and a judge will be available to sign necessary documents on an emergency basis at the Ventura Hall of Justice.</p> <p><u>Reduced hours:</u> Current hours from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Monday – Friday. New hours from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, except for Walk in Express Window at the main courthouse for Traffic and Collections.</p>	<p>Closures effective November 23, 2011</p> <p>Reduced hours effective January 3, 2012</p>	n/a
Ventura (UPDATE)	November 17, 2011	<p>Reassignment of civil law judges from Simi Valley to main Ventura courthouse and related civil Clerk's office operations, with exceptions</p> <p>Has also instituted furloughs, left vacancies open, and conducted layoffs, among other things</p>	Reassigned two East County branch civil law judges and all related civil clerks' offices, except unlawful detainers, family law and small claims from Simi Valley to main courthouse in Ventura.	January 30, 2012	n/a

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Yolo	August 4, 2011	<p>Reduction in operating hours for Civil, Criminal, Court Collections and Traffic Division filing windows and phones by 10 hours/ week</p> <p>Has also instituted voluntary furloughs and implemented hiring freeze, among other things</p>	<p><u>Current hours:</u> 8:30 am –4:30 pm, Monday – Friday.</p> <p><u>New hours:</u> 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.</p>	October 3, 2011	n/a
Yolo (UPDATE)	October 17, 2011	Two week reduction in calendaring system for normal hearings and trials	Reduction begins Monday, December 19, 2011 and ends on Friday, December 30, 2011.	December 19, 2011	December 30, 2011